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1. The Rumanian amnesty decree appears to have none of the effects on the Rumanian refugees [REDACTED] which were hoped for by the Rumanian Communist Government. There are very few refugees who contemplate taking advantage of it and these few are, for the most part, older persons. 25X1
2. Emigre circles [REDACTED] are greatly concerned by news that a list of names and addresses of Rumanian refugees, drawn up by the "Rumanian Cultural Institution" [REDACTED] is now in the hands of two Communist Rumanian offices. These offices, set up for the repatriation of refugees, [REDACTED] The news is even more sensational since Grigore Manolescu, head of the "Cultural Institution," has disappeared. His flight could be attributed to financial troubles, but some refugees believe that he worked for the Communists. In any case, there is little doubt that a Communist agent has penetrated the "Cultural Institution" [REDACTED] 25X1
3. There are many Rumanian refugees [REDACTED] who would like to return to Rumania. This is especially true of the Swabians [REDACTED] The Rumanian Government seems to be very much interested from the standpoint of labor manpower, in luring back Rumanians [REDACTED] 25X1
4. No Rumanian exile [REDACTED] is likely to go back to Rumania as a result of the amnesty. However, this decree of the Rumanian Government has created great interest among the Rumanian emigres who have entered [REDACTED] during the past six years. They speculate whether or not a real change is going on in Rumania and whether foreigners will soon be allowed to travel freely. 25X1
5. [REDACTED] the Rumanian Legation opened an exhibition of "Rumanian folklore." Peasant dresses and ceramics were 25X1

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exhibited, together with propaganda photographs. Every Rumanian who visited the exhibition was met by a representative of the Legation who first asked the visitor what he thought of the exhibition. The representative then invited the visitor to return to Rumania at the expense of the Rumanian Government, adding that he would be allowed to go back [redacted] if he should not be satisfied with the new situation in Rumania. It is believed that a few Rumanians have been lured into applying for Rumanian passports and intend to return to Rumania. A group [redacted] tried to stage a protest at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, but were obliged to leave.

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